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Faculty Assembly Minutes December 1, 2010

The meeting called to order at 2:37

1. The minutes for the November 2010 faculty assembly meeting were approved.

2. Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report (Craig Condella)

Announced that there is a \$1460 balance in the faculty assembly account. Faculty were encouraged to pay dues for 2010 (\$20).

GreenSalve (Craig Condella)

Announced GreenOffice and GreenMiles – two new campus green initiatives to encourage energy efficiency.

Nominations and Elections (James Mitchell)

A new online ballot was displayed to faculty. The new ballot contained a space for individuals to nominate faculty for service. The new ballot requires self nomination. A motion was presented to adopt the new nomination form for the upcoming election cycle. The new ballot was approved with unanimous consent.

3. Laura McPhie Oliveira

Laura discussed the new test optional policy of the University. She explained that faculty were not involved in any discussions of the new test optional topic due to the rapid implementation of the university initiative. She stressed that most SRU competitors already have this policy in place. Some departments still require SAT scores for incoming students for various departmental specific reasons. She also discussed other mechanisms by which students are selected for admission into SRU. Laura stressed the transparency of the admission program and encouraged members of the faculty to meet with her personally to discuss any issues relating to the student admission process.

4. Executive session was called to order at approximately 3:15.

5. FACSB (Jameson Chace and John Quinn)

- FACSB presented updates to faculty about committee requests from the 2009 - 2010 academic year. Salary comparisons using the Tier IIA and IIB list and the proposed administration list were presented. Adjunct salaries for SRU and other local colleges and universities were presented and compared. A discussion about mechanisms to foster a culture of scholarship ensued.
- FACSB presented a motion to urge the SRU administration to calculate salaries for all ranks in the budget year 2011-2012 at or above the median level salaries of the faculty-approved list of comparative institutions (New England Tier II A and B). This motion was passed with unanimous consent.
- A second motion relating indicating a need for faculty involvement in the distribution of professional development funds was not voted on because a quorum was not present.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10